But the Bill apsed in May 1991 due to dissolution of the IX Lok Sabha. Again a Bill entitled "Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 1992" has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 8-5-1992. The Bill is listed for discussions in Lok Sabha during the current session of the Parliament.

(b) The Bill is a comprehensive document and has been drafted with utmost care and incorporates all necessary provisions for Protection and Promotion of Breast-feeding in India.

(c) The provisions contained in Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules 1955 clearly lay down the standards and labelling regulations for Infant Milk Foods and Infant Formula. To ensure standardization and quality of these products, it is mandatory to have B.I.S. certification before these products are marketed.

(d) Clause 11 of the Bill endorses that the standards of Infant Milk Substitutes and Infant Foods should conform to the standards specified for such products in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and the rules thereunder. Further, the approval of Government is required where no standards have been specified for any Infant Milk Substitutes or Infant Foods under P.F.A. Act 1954 so as to ensure the quality of these products.

Consultation by Baby Food Code Activists

@@3521-B. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRA:

SHRI K. R. JAYADEVAPPA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Consultation was held by Baby-food Code activists at Y.M.C.A. New Delhi on 17th July, 1992;

(b) whether it is a fact that the discussions brought out the failure of Government to enforce and enact the Baby food Code even though Government was a party to it since 1983;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at the above consultation several participants pointed out the role played by present Chairman N.D.D.B. in blocking the Code in order to help G.C.M.M.F. of which he is a paid Chairman; and

(d) whether failure to enforce the code is affecting well being of the infants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPAREMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUM. MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The participants expressed their concern on aggressive promotion, through advertisement. of Infant Milk Substitutes and Infant Foods by manufacturers. They expressed the hope that the legislation giving effect to the provisions of the Indian National Code for protection and promotion of breast feeding would be enacted early to promote breast feeding in India.

(c) Indian has already adopted the Indian National Code for protection and promotion of breast feeding in 1983. The participants, however, expressed concern about the advertisements and aggressive marketing practices followed by the manufacturers including G.C.M.M.F.

(d) It is fully recognised that breast feeding is the most ideal form of feeding for the growth and development of infants. A Bill, to protect and promote breast feeding. entitled "Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation

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of Production Supply and Distribution) Bill 1992" is before the Lok Sabha for consideration.

Rationalisation of House/Property Taxes

@@@3521-C. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to rationalise the house and property taxes and ensure that this does not cripple the fixed wage earners and the middle class; and

(b) whether Government also propose to take into account various judgements of Supreme Court etc. on the subject in order to protect the legitimate property owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The levy of taxes on land and buildings falls within the State List of the Constitution. Hence, State Govts. are competent to take a decision on the issue of rationalisation of House/Property Taxes. As far as the Union Govt. is concerned, there is no such proposal under its consideration.

Progress of toll bridge connecting Noida with Maharani Bagh in Delhi

@@@@3521-D. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-powered Steering Committee has been appointed to review the progress made for the proposed Yamuna Toll Bridge (YTB) connecting Noida in Uttar Pradesh with Maharani Bagh in Delhi;

(b) the terms of reference of the Committee and by when the Committee is likely to submit its report; and

(c) whether any date has been fixed for starting of construction work of the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) It is reported that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with NOIDA and Delhi Administration by M/s. Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd. (IL & FS) for the construction of a toll-way bridge over Yamuna for the easier movement of NOIDA population to South Delhi. The IL & FS set up a steering Committee to monitor the implementation of the project.

(b) and (c) It is reported that the Steering Committee will monitor the progress of the project and is not expect to submit any report. It is reported that no firm date has been decided for starting construction of the project as the work is at a preliminary stage.

Requirement of Chemical Fertilisers to Madhya Pradesh

£3521-E. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI VENOD SHARMA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of chemical fertilisers required in Madhya Pradesh every year for each of the cropping season;

(b) the quantity of fertilisers allocated by Government for the current kharif and ensuing rabi season to Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the fertilisers supply to the State; and

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2968, Transferred from 5th August, 1992.

@@@@Previously Unstarred Question 3069 Transferred from 5th August, 1992.

£Previously Unstarred Question 3115 Transferred from 6th August, 1992.